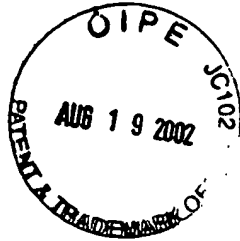


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please add this paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application relates to the following co-pending commonly owned applications: "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A RE-TRIGGERING SYMBOL BONUS SCHEME WITH A BONUS SYMBOL ACCUMULATOR," Serial No. 10/071,441, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-964.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 19 as follows:

19. A gaming device comprising:

a processor;

a plurality of reels controlled by the processor;

a plurality of symbols on each reel, said symbols including a plurality of secondary game triggering symbols;